( Find the length of segment AB .


## Triangle Midsegment Investigation

1. Sketch $\triangle A B C$ on the graph paper: $A(-5,-2), B(3,-4), C(1,6)$
2. Draw segment $D E$, the midsegment of $\triangle A B C: D(-2,2), E(2,1)$
3. Find the length of segment $A B$ and segment $D E$. Give your answers in simplified radical form. How do the two lengths compare? Find the slope of line DE. Find the slope of line AB. Compare them. What does this tell you about the midsement?
4. Compare length $A D$ with length $D C$ ? What does this mean about point $D$ ?
5. Compare length BE with length EC? What does this mean about point E?
6. Summarize three properties of the triangle midsegment.
7. Find the midpoint of $A B$ and label it $F$. Connect segments to form $\triangle D E F$. This is the midsegment triangle.
8. Mark any congruent or parallel parts on your diagram.
9. Glue the graph paper in your notes next to your findings.
